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**FIELD CROPS:** Field corn acreage planted across New England in 2006 totaled 183,000 acres, down two percent from 2005. By the beginning of July, 95 percent of the 2006 crop was planted, behind pace with last year, but on schedule with the five year average. The crop had emerged 85 percent and was reported in fair to good condition. However, warmer, dry days were needed since cool, wet weather forced many farmers to delay plantings and caused fields to be replanted.

Based on planting intentions as of June 1, Maine farmers expect to harvest 30,000 acres of oats for grain and 19,000 acres of barley for grain in 2006. Warm, dry conditions in April allowed Maine farmers to get an early start with planting of small grains. Although heavy rains during May stalled field work on most crops across New England, Maine's barley and oat crops were 100 percent planted and 90 percent emerged by the end of the first week of June, approximately ten days ahead of the five-year average. Small grain conditions have been rated from good to excellent through mid-July; however, crop weather reporters in Southern Aroostook County, Maine noted there has been some loss in grain fields from too much rain.

As of June 1, New England farmers expect to cut 620,000 acres for dry hay in 2006, a two percent increase from last year's dry hay harvest. Alfalfa acreage to be cut for dry hay across New England was forecast at 84,000 acres, five percent below 2005's acreage. There were 536,000 acres of other dry hay expected to be cut, which is a three percent increase from the previous year. At the end of the first week of July, only 50 percent of the first cutting of dry hay was baled, compared to the 75 percent five year average usually cut by that time. Hay condition was rated in fair to good condition across New England.

**TOBACCO:** Growers intentions as of June 1 placed Connecticut and Massachusetts broadleaf tobacco acreage at 2,500 acres in 2006, an increase of 80 acres from the previous year's harvested acreage. Cool, wet conditions during the month of May slowed growth of transplants in the greenhouses from one to two weeks and muddy field conditions made it difficult to set out transplants in early June. The sun finally appeared in mid-June, and broadleaf progress advanced to 75 percent set out by June 18, on schedule with normal. Broadleaf was 100 percent transplanted by the first week in July, and as of mid-month the outdoor crop was rated in good to fair condition. Wet weather has growers on high alert for blue mold, which was confirmed in Connecticut and Massachusetts in July. Shade tobacco growers intend to harvest 1,050 acres in 2006, a 14 percent reduction from a year earlier. Shade acreage was 100 percent transplanted in the Connecticut River Valley by June 18; behind last year by two weeks, but on schedule with normal. Crop assessments as of mid July ranged from good to poor north to south.

**FALL POTATOES:** Based on planting intentions as of June 1, Maine farmers planted 59,000 acres of fall potatoes in 2006, an increase of 1,500 acres from 2005's near record low acreage. Warm, dry weather early in the season allowed planting to advance to 60 percent by the third week in May, well ahead of last year's five percent and normal of 40 percent. Wet conditions followed and persisted into early June, stalling planting at most locations. Severe storms brought heavy rains in early June, and an estimated 3,000 acres were lost to flooding. Seeding was complete by mid-June, on schedule with normal. July's heat and timely rains promoted rapid crop growth, and at mid-month, crop specialists had rated the crop as good or excellent statewide. In Maine, acreage planted by type for 2006 averaged 49 percent white varieties, 49 percent russet, and 2 percent reds; a higher percentage of russets and lower percentage of whites and reds than a year earlier.

**PEACHES:** The Connecticut peach crop forecast was 40,000 bushels as of July 1, 2006, an increase of 38 percent from last year. A wet cold spring resulted in late peach development. The Massachusetts peach production

forecast was 54,000 bushels; as of July 1, 2006, up 29 percent from 2005. Warm temperatures in April promoted good bloom and pollinating conditions in the state. During the months of May and June, heavy rains fell after pollination was complete in most areas. Growers were optimistic about the crop and expected the rains would aid fruit sizing early in the growing season. However, some growers expressed concern that the excessive amount of rain received might promote brown rot. The peaches were rated in fair to good condition at the end of June.

**2005 REVISED FRUITS:** The 2005 New England utilized apple production totaled 2.9 million bushels (42-pound units), down 28 percent from 2004. Spring began warm, but wet weather in May brought cold conditions and reportedly one of the coldest in history for the region. Full crop potential was limited by light bloom, poor pollination, and apple scab. Two light frosts hit during the month of May which caused further damage after bloom in some areas. By June, warmer weather arrived and remained until September. However, moisture levels were extremely variable throughout the region. Major storms in the months of September and October brought heavy rains, making harvest difficult for many orchardists. A warm fall delayed the first frost until mid-October, prolonging the harvest. The total value of utilized apple production in New England for 2005 was placed at \$44.2 million, down 17 percent from 2004.

Utilized production for Connecticut peaches in 2005 was estimated at 29,000 bushels, down 17 percent from 2004. In Massachusetts, utilized production totaled 41,000 bushels, up three percent from the previous year. The value of utilized peach production for both states was placed at \$2.6 million, down six percent from 2004. Connecticut pear utilized production for 2005 weighed in at 1,000 tons, up 11 percent from the 2004 crop. Total value of utilized pear production for 2005 was placed at \$952,000, up 32 percent from the previous year.

Cranberry production in Massachusetts during 2005 totaled 1.42 million barrels, a 21 percent decrease from 2004's output. An estimated 91 percent of the production was designated for processing, while the remaining nine percent was utilized as fresh fruit. Growers harvested 14,200 acres in 2005. The crop yielded 100.2 barrels per acre. The 2005 average price per barrel for processed cranberries was \$32.90, an increase of \$2.30 from a year earlier. The 2005 average price per barrel for fresh cranberries was \$56.10, an increase of \$1.30 from a year earlier.

Maine's **wild blueberry** crop totaled 59.6 million pounds in 2005, a 29 percent increase from the previous year. The average price per pound for wild blueberries sold for processing in 2005 was 65 cents compared to 45 cents the previous year. The total value of Maine's 2005 wild blueberry crop was estimated to be \$39.0 million, an increase of 86 percent from the 2004's total value. The first forecast of Maine's 2006 wild blueberry crop will be published in a special report, Maine Wild Blueberries, scheduled for release on July 28th.

**Milk:** Milk production in Vermont totaled 218 million pounds in June 2006, a decrease of three percent from June 2005. There were an estimated 141,000 milk cows on Vermont farms, a decrease of 2,000 head from the same month the previous year. Milk production per cow averaged 1,545 pounds, decreased one percent from June 2005.

Milk production during the second quarter (April – June) of 2006 totaled 1.07 billion pounds in New England, three percent lower than the same quarter last year. There were an estimated 225,600 milk cows on New England farms, a decrease of 5,400 milk cows from the second quarter of 2005. Milk production per cow averaged 4,734 pounds during the second quarter of 2006, decreased one percent from the same quarter in 2005.

**FIELD CORN: Acreage, 2004 – 2006**

State	Area Planted for All Purposes			
	2004	2005	2006 Forecast as of June 1	2006 Forecast as a Percent of 2005
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Connecticut	31	28	27	96
Maine	28	26	26	100
Massachusetts	20	20	19	95
New Hampshire	15	15	14	93
Rhode Island	2	2	2	100
Vermont	95	95	95	100
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>	191	186	183	98
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	80,930	81,759	79,366	97

SOURCE: *Acres*, 8:30 a.m., June 30, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA**TOBACCO: Acreage, 2004 – 2006**

State	Area Harvested			
	2004	2005	2006 Forecast as of June 1	2006 Forecast as a Percent of 2005
	Acres			Percent
<b>Broadleaf (Type 51)</b>				
Connecticut	1,500	1,520	1,550	102
Massachusetts	920	900	950	106
<b>CT AND MA TOTAL (Type 51)</b>	2,420	2,420	2,500	103
<b>Shade (Type 61)</b>				
Connecticut	860	930	800	86
Massachusetts	320	290	250	86
<b>CT AND MA TOTAL (Type 61)</b>	1,180	1,220	1,050	86
<b>UNITED STATES (All Types)</b>	408,050	289,080	336,430	116

SOURCE: *Acres*, 8:30 a.m., June 30, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA**DRY HAY: Acreage, 2004 – 2006**

State	Area Harvested								
	Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures			All Other Hay			All Hay		
	2004	2005	2006 Forecast as of June1	2004	2005	2006 Forecast as of June1	2004	2005	2006 Forecast as of June1
	1,000 Acres								
Connecticut	7	8	7	59	55	60	66	63	67
Maine	10	11	9	145	140	140	155	151	149
Massachusetts	13	14	13	75	75	75	88	89	88
New Hampshire	7	8	8	50	49	49	57	57	57
Rhode Island	2	2	2	7	7	7	9	9	9
Vermont	40	45	45	190	195	205	230	240	250
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>	79	88	84	526	521	536	605	609	620
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	21,707	22,389	22,407	40,259	39,260	40,290	61,966	61,649	62,679

SOURCE: *Acres*, 8:30 a.m., June 30, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA**OATS and BARLEY: Acreage, 2004 – 2006**

State	Area Planted for All Purposes			Area Harvested for Grain		
	2004	2005	2006 Forecast as of June 1	2004	2005	2006 Forecast as of June 1
	1,000 Acres					
<b>Oats</b>						
Maine	34	32	31	32	28	30
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	4,085	4,246	4,312	1,787	1,823	1,907
<b>Barley</b>						
Maine	23	23	20	22	22	19
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	4,527	3,875	3,496	4,021	3,269	2,990

SOURCE: *Acres*, 8:30 a.m., June 30, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

## FALL POTATOES: Area Planted and Harvested, 2005 – 2006

State	Area Planted			Area Harvested		
	2005	2006 Forecast as of June 1	2006 Forecast as a Percent of 2005	2005	2006 Forecast as of June 1	2006 Forecast as a Percent of 2005
	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres		Percent
California	7.2	7.8	108	7.2	7.8	108
Colorado	58.2	59.9	103	57.9	59.7	103
Idaho	325.0	330.0	102	323.0	328.0	102
10 Southwest Counties.	21.0	19.0	90	21.0	19.0	90
Other ID Counties	304.0	311.0	102	302.0	309.0	102
<b>Maine</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Massachusetts</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>117</b>
Michigan	44.0	44.0	100	43.5	43.5	100
Minnesota	46.0	52.0	113	43.0	49.0	114
Montana	11.0	10.5	95	10.9	10.4	95
Nebraska	19.5	19.5	100	19.4	19.2	99
Nevada	5.5	6.5	118	5.5	6.5	118
New Mexico	4.7	5.0	106	4.2	5.0	119
New York	20.5	20.6	100	20.1	20.1	100
North Dakota	92.0	100.0	109	82.0	95.0	116
Ohio	3.7	3.3	89	3.6	3.1	86
Oregon	37.3	35.0	94	37.1	35.0	94
Malheur County	3.8	3.0	79	3.8	3.0	79
Other OR Counties	33.5	32.0	96	33.3	32.0	96
Pennsylvania	11.5	11.0	96	11.0	10.8	98
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>100</b>
Washington	154.0	156.0	101	154.0	156.0	101
Wisconsin	68.0	67.0	99	68.0	66.0	97
<b>UNITED STATES (Fall Crop)</b>	<b>968.6</b>	<b>990.5</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>949.5</b>	<b>974.4</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>UNITED STATES (Total)</b>	<b>1,110.0</b>	<b>1,138.0</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1,087.4</b>	<b>1,118.4</b>	<b>103</b>

SOURCE: *Crop Production* 8:30 a.m., July 12, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA
 MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 2000 – 2005 Crop Years  
 Prices Received <sup>1/</sup> by Farmers for All Potatoes, Monthly and Marketing Year Average

Crop Year	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Market Year Average
	Dollars per Cwt											
2000	5.80	5.45	5.50	5.55	5.60	5.50	5.90	6.20	6.80	7.30	7.00	6.15
2001	6.20	5.70	6.05	6.65	7.50	7.75	8.30	8.65	9.45	8.05	7.80	7.65
2002	5.75	5.45	5.60	6.65	6.95	7.10	7.10	7.45	8.10	8.15	7.40	7.05
2003	6.00	5.25	5.45	5.85	5.70	5.80	5.70	6.10	6.30	6.75	7.05	6.05
2004	5.90	5.15	5.65	6.15	6.35	5.90	6.55	6.60	6.95	7.30	7.40	6.50
2005 <sup>2/</sup>	3/	5.90	6.25	7.45	8.15	8.20	9.00	8.70	9.40	8.95	8.35	4/

<sup>1/</sup> Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed, and feed.<sup>2/</sup> Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.<sup>3/</sup> Missing data indicates too few potatoes being marketed to set price.<sup>4/</sup> Market year average price for the 2005 crop will be available on September 21, 2006 in the *Potatoes* report.SOURCE: *Agricultural Prices*, 3:00 p.m., June 29, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

**APPLES: <sup>1/</sup> Fresh Market and Processing Utilization, Price and Value, 2004 – 2005**

State	Fresh Market						Processing					
	Quantity		Price per Pound		Value of Production		Quantity		Price per Ton		Value of Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Million Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars		Million Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	15.5	13.0	0.46	0.52	7,130	6,760	3.0	2.0	120.0	170.0	180	170
Maine	35.0	24.0	0.38	0.40	13,300	9,600	8.0	5.0	110.0	120.0	440	300
Massachusetts	31.5	22.0	0.44	0.52	13,860	11,440	5.5	4.0	90.2	110.0	248	219
New Hampshire	18.0	12.5	0.44	0.45	7,920	5,625	10.0	7.0	100.0	120.0	500	420
Vermont	33.0	24.0	0.25	0.36	8,250	8,640	5.0	5.5	120.0	120.0	300	330
<b>NEW ENGLAND<sup>2/</sup></b>	133.0	95.5	0.38	0.44	50,460	42,065	31.5	23.5	106.0	122.0	1,668	1,439
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	6,638.0	6,183.4	0.22	0.28	1,447,978	1,705,880	3,723.3	3,579.1	107.0	105.0	198,823	187,700

<sup>1/</sup> Apple production from commercial orchards of 100 or more trees.<sup>2/</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. Rhode Island is not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Rhode Island apples are included in the United States totals.SOURCE: *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts – 2005 summary*, 3:00 p.m., July 6, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA**FRUIT: Bearing Acreage and Yield, 2004 – 2005**

State	Apples <sup>1/</sup>				Peaches <sup>2/</sup>			
	Bearing Acreage		Yield (42 – lb bu) <sup>3/</sup>		Bearing Acreage		Yield (48 – lb bu)	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Acres		Bushels Per Acre		Acres		Bushels Per Acre	
Connecticut	2,200	2,200	211	168	400	400	89	73
Maine	3,500	3,500	319	211	—	—	—	—
Massachusetts	4,100	4,100	243	165	380	380	105	110
New Hampshire	2,100	2,100	345	238	—	—	—	—
Rhode Island	300	300	175	127	—	—	—	—
Vermont	2,700	2,700	367	290	—	—	—	—
<b>NEW ENGLAND<sup>4/</sup></b>	14,900	14,900	292	209	780	780	97	91
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	384,460	378,860	648	619	146,070	140,160	373	352

<sup>1/</sup> Apple production from commercial orchards of 100 or more trees.<sup>2/</sup> Annual peach statistics only available for Connecticut and Massachusetts.<sup>3/</sup> Yield based on total production, which includes unharvested production and fruit harvested but not sold due to market conditions.<sup>4/</sup> New England includes Connecticut and Massachusetts.SOURCE: *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts – 2005 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., July 6, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA**FRUIT: Production and Value, 2004 – 2005 and Peaches, July 2006 Forecast**

Fruit Crop	Total Production <sup>1/</sup>			Utilized Production <sup>2/</sup>		Price Per Unit of Utilized Production		Value of Utilized Production	
	2004	2005	2006 Forecast as of July 1	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Bushels					Dollars per Bushel		1,000 Dollars	
<b>Apples (42 – lb bu) <sup>3/</sup></b>									
Connecticut	464.29	369.05	4/	440.48	357.14	16.59	19.40	7,310	6,930
Maine	1,119.05	738.10	4/	1,023.81	690.48	13.44	14.32	13,740	9,900
Massachusetts	1,000.00	678.57	4/	880.95	619.05	16.00	18.82	14,108	11,659
New Hampshire	726.19	500.00	4/	666.67	464.29	12.64	13.02	8,420	6,045
Rhode Island	52.38	38.10	4/	50.00	33.33	20.16	22.01	1,008	734
Vermont	988.10	785.71	4/	904.76	702.38	9.45	12.77	8,550	8,970
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>	4,350.01	3,109.53	4/	3,966.67	2,866.67	13.40	15.43	53,136	44,238
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	248,585.71	234,878.57	4/	246,697.62	232,440.48	6.68	8.15	1,646,801	1,893,580
<b>Peaches (48 – lb bu)</b>	1,000 Bushels					Dollars per Bushel		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	35	29	40	35	29	38.40	38.40	1,360	1,120
Massachusetts	40	42	54	40	41	36.00	36.00	1,425	1,485
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	54,463	49,356	44,096	51,242	47,713	9.00	10.70	461,624	511,268
<b>Pears (Tons)</b>	Tons					Dollars per Ton		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	900	1,000	4/	900	1,000	800	952	720	952
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	878,260	825,325	4/	873,400	823,670	335	358	292,969	294,697

<sup>1/</sup> Total production is the quantity actually harvested plus quantities which would have been acceptable for fresh market or processing but were not harvested because of economic or natural reasons.<sup>2/</sup> Utilized production includes fruit sold, amount used on the operation or given away, and fruit placed in storage.<sup>3/</sup> Apple production from commercial orchards of 100 or more trees.<sup>4/</sup> Apple and Pear production will be forecast as of August 1, 2006.SOURCE: *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts – 2005 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., July 6, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA*Crop Production*, 8:30 a.m., July 12, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

**CRANBERRIES: Acres, Yield, Production, Utilization, Price and Value, by State, 2004 – 2005**

CRANBERRY: Acres, Yield, Production, Utilization, Price and Value, by State, 2004 - 2005										
State	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production		Utilization		Price per Barrel <sup>1/</sup>			Value of Utilized Production
			Total	Utilized	For Fresh	For Processing	Fresh	Processed	All	
	Acres	Barrels <sup>2/</sup>	Barrels <sup>2/</sup>				Dollars			1,000 Dollars
2004										
Massachusetts	14,100	128.2	1,808,000	1,808,000	152,000	1,656,000	54.80	30.60	32.60	59,004
New Jersey <sup>3/</sup>	3,100	129.7	402,000	394,000	—	394,000	—	31.20	31.20	12,293
Oregon	2,900	170.7	495,000	495,000	10,000	485,000	55.30	32.60	33.10	16,364
Washington	1,700	100.0	170,000	170,000	30,000	140,000	55.30	31.40	35.60	6,055
Wisconsin	17,400	189.7	3,300,000	3,300,000	205,000	3,090,000	54.40	31.60	33.00	108,954
UNITED STATES	39,200	157.5	6,175,000	6,167,000	397,000	5,770,000	54.60	31.40	32.90	202,670
2005										
Massachusetts	14,200	100.2	1,423,000	1,423,000	124,000	1,299,000	56.10	32.90	34.90	49,693
New Jersey <sup>3/</sup>	3,100	171.9	533,000	533,000	—	533,000	56.10	34.00	34.00	18,122
Oregon	2,700	163.0	440,000	440,000	20,000	420,000	48.70	34.40	35.10	15,422
Washington	1,700	110.0	187,000	187,000	18,000	169,000	56.30	34.40	36.50	6,827
Wisconsin	17,400	210.3	3,660,000	3,660,000	200,000	3,460,000	56.30	32.80	34.10	124,748
UNITED STATES	39,100	159.7	6,243,000	6,243,000	362,000	5,881,000	55.80	33.10	34.40	214,812

<sup>1/</sup> Weighted average of co-op and independent sales. Co-op prices represent pool proceeds less returns for processing non-cranberry products, capital stock dividends, capital stock retains, and other retains.

<sup>2/</sup> A barrel weighs 100 pounds.

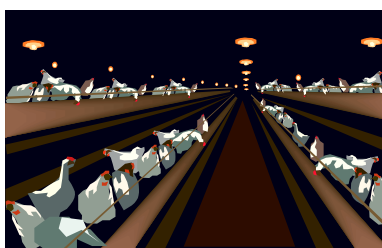
<sup>3/</sup> Small quantities of fresh cranberries are included in processed to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

SOURCE: *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts – 2005 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., July 6, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

**WILD BLUEBERRIES: Production and Value, 2003 – 2005**

State and Year	Total Production	All Price per Pound	Total Value of Production	Fresh Wild Blueberries			Wild Blueberries for Processing		
				Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production	Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production
	1,000 Lbs	Cents	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Lbs	Dollars	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Lbs	Cents	1,000 Dollars
<b>Maine</b>									
2003	80,400	33.4	26,880	400	1.20	480	80,000	33	26,400
2004	46,000	45.6	20,970	300	1.35	405	45,700	45	20,565
2005	59,550	65.6	39,040	350	1.60	560	59,200	65	38,480

SOURCE: *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts – 2005 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., July 6, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

**MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, June 2005 – 2006**

State	Table Egg Layers In Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers <sup>1/</sup>		Eggs per 100 for All Layers <sup>1/</sup>		Egg Production from All Layers <sup>1/</sup>	
	June 2005	June 2006	June 2005	June 2006	June 2005	June 2006	June 2005	June 2006
	1,000 Birds				Number		Million Eggs	
Connecticut	3,050	2,639	3,108	2,695	2,284	2,152	71	58
Maine	4,134	4,014	4,198	4,083	2,025	2,082	85	85
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>274,861</b>	<b>278,870</b>	<b>339,856</b>	<b>341,887</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>2,159</b>	<b>7,346</b>	<b>7,383</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

SOURCE: *Chickens and Eggs*, 3:00 p.m., June 21, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

**QUARTERLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, April – June 2006 with Comparisons**

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>			Production per Cow			Production		
	Apr – Jun 2005	Jan – Mar 2006	Apr – Jun 2006	Apr – Jun 2005	Jan – Mar 2006	Apr – Jun 2006	Apr – Jun 2005	Jan – Mar 2006	Apr – Jun 2006
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Connecticut	20.0	20.0	19.5	5,050	4,850	4,872	101.0	97.0	95.0
Maine	33.0	32.0	32.0	4,697	4,375	4,594	155.0	140.0	147.0
Massachusetts	17.0	16.0	16.0	4,471	4,500	4,563	76.0	72.0	73.0
New Hampshire	16.0	15.5	15.0	4,938	4,968	5,067	79.0	77.0	76.0
Rhode Island	1.0	1.0	1.1	5,000	4,600	4,455	5.0	4.6.0	4.9
Vermont	144.0	143.0	142.0	4,778	4,636	4,732	688.0	663.0	672.0
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>	231.0	227.5	225.6	4,779	4,631	4,734	1,104.0	1,053.6	1,067.9
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	9,041.0	9,094.0	9,134.0	5,069	5,009	5,134	45,831.0	45,553.0	46,896.0

<sup>1/</sup> Average number for quarter including dry cows.SOURCE: *Milk Production*, 3:00 p.m., July 18, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA**MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, June 2006 with Comparisons**

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>			Production per Cow			Production		
	June 2005	May 2006	June 2006	June 2005	May 2006	June 2006	June 2005	May 2006	June 2006
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Vermont	143	142	141	1,565	1,630	1,545	224	231	218
New York	647	648	649	1,590	1,660	1,575	1,029	1,076	1,022
Pennsylvania	563	556	555	1,595	1,700	1,620	898	945	899
<b>UNITED STATES <sup>2/</sup></b>	8,138	8,257	8,266	1,690	1,780	1,695	13,755	14,700	14,011

<sup>1/</sup> Average number for month, including dry cows.<sup>2/</sup> United States includes 23 major States: AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, and WI.SOURCE: *Milk Production*, 3:00 p.m., July 18, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA**VERMONT MILK: 2001 – 2006 Prices Received <sup>1/</sup> by Farmers for Milk Sold**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
	Price per Cwt												
2001	13.70	14.30	15.00	15.40	16.20	16.80	17.00	17.30	17.90	16.40	15.80	14.10	15.80
2002	14.20	13.80	13.30	13.10	12.70	12.10	11.60	11.70	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.40	12.70
2003	12.30	11.90	11.50	11.40	11.50	11.50	12.10	13.40	15.00	15.80	15.50	14.80	13.00
2004	14.00	14.40	16.20	17.80	20.10	19.80	17.60	15.50	16.30	16.60	17.00	17.20	16.90
2005	16.90	16.00	16.60	15.80	15.50	15.10	15.80	15.70	16.10	16.50	16.10	15.50	16.00
2006 <sup>2/</sup>	15.30	14.60	13.70	12.90	12.80	12.70							

<sup>1/</sup> Prices received before deductions for hauling, including quality, quantity, and other premiums and excluding hauling subsidies<sup>2/</sup> Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.SOURCE: *Agricultural Prices*, 3:00 p.m., June 29, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA**MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, May 2006 with Comparisons**

Product	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	May 2006 as percent of:	
				May 2005	April 2006
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	3,410	3,042	2,886	85	95
American Type Cheese <sup>1/</sup>	6,210	6,509	7,099	114	109
Mozzarella Cheese	5,483	5,176	3,292	60	64
Other Italian Cheese <sup>2/</sup>	890	1,063	1,306	147	123
Cottage Cheese <sup>3/</sup>	586	542	666	114	123
	1,000 Gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream, Hard	7,287	9,579	8,721	120	91
Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard	953	1,449	1,277	134	88
Milk Sherbet, Hard	166	209	214	129	102

<sup>1/</sup> American type Cheese includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.<sup>2/</sup> Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella<sup>3/</sup> Creamed and low fatSOURCE of NATIONAL PRODUCTION: *Dairy Products*, 3:00 p.m., July, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

**FUELS: Prices Paid, April 2006 with Comparisons**

Farm Production Region	Unleaded Gasoline <sup>1/</sup>		Diesel <sup>2/ 3/</sup> Bulk Delivery	L.P. Gas Bulk Delivery
	Service Station	Bulk Delivery		
	Dollars per Gallon			
Northeast <sup>4/</sup>				
April 2006	2.560	2.600	2.350	2.200
United States				
April 2006	2.574	2.597	2.275	1.690
April 2005	2.205	2.225	1.968	1.466
April 2004	1.750	1.760	1.310	1.210

<sup>1/</sup> Includes Federal, State, and local per gallon taxes.<sup>2/</sup> Excludes State road taxes, but includes State and local per gallon taxes where applicable.<sup>3/</sup> Excludes Federal excise tax.<sup>4/</sup> Northeast: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices** – 3:00 p.m., April 28, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA**FEED: Prices Paid, April 2006**

Item	Unit	Northeast <sup>1/</sup>	United States
			Dollars
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt	19.00	16.40
Alfalfa Pellets	Cwt	19.50	16.40
Bran	Cwt	15.50	16.10
Beef Cattle Conc 32-36% Protein	Ton	349.00	336.00
Corn Meal	Cwt	11.20	10.10
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	Cwt	18.40	18.20
Dairy Feed			
14% Protein <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	4/	189.00
16% Protein <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	207.00	210.00
18% Protein <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	217.00	221.00
20% Protein <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	231.00	226.00
32-38% Protein Conc.	Ton	331.00	341.00
Hog Feed			
14-18% Protein <sup>2/ 3/</sup>	Ton	290.00	228.00
38-42% Protein Conc.	Ton	423.00	361.00
Molasses, Liquid	Cwt	20.00	17.90
Poultry Feed <sup>2/</sup>			
Broiler Grower	Ton	250.00	255.00
Chick Starter	Ton	274.00	273.00
Laying Feed	Ton	237.00	240.00
Turkey Grower	Ton	259.00	302.00
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt	18.30	16.90
Stock Salt	50 Lb	6.06	4.67
Trace Mineral Blocks	50 Lb	6.90	5.68

<sup>1/</sup> Northeast: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.<sup>2/</sup> Complete ration feed, fed without mixing or supplementation.<sup>3/</sup> Excluding pig starter.<sup>4/</sup> Item was not surveyed.SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices** – 3:00 p.m., April 28, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

**CATTLE AND CALVES: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 2004 – 2006 <sup>1/</sup>**

CLASS	2004	2005	2006	2006 as Percent of 2005
	1,000 Head			Percent
Cattle and Calves	103,400	104,500	105,700	101
Cows and Heifers that have Calved	42,400	42,800	43,000	100
*Beef Cows	33,400	33,750	33,850	100
*Milk Cows	9,000	9,050	9,150	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	15,950	16,200	16,500	102
*For Beef Cow Replacement	4,800	5,000	5,000	100
*For Milk Cow Replacement	3,600	3,700	3,800	103
*Other Heifers	7,550	7,500	7,700	103
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,200	14,400	14,900	103
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,050	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,800	29,000	29,200	101
Calf Crop	37,505	37,780	37,900	100
Cattle on Feed	11,800	12,000	12,500	104

<sup>1/</sup> New England July Cattle and Calf data is combined into the US total and is not released by individual New England states.

SOURCE: **Cattle**, 3:00 p.m., July 21, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

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